

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK

MINUTES

**Bear Valley Unified School District
42271 Moonridge Road
Big Bear Lake**

**September 22, 2003
3:15 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Donna French, Big Bear Youth to Youth/Operation Breakthrough	(909) 866-5437
Eileen Hofer, LSS Family Resource Center	(909) 866-5070
Elaine Holzer-Tennity, Hummingbird Project	(909) 584-7158
Edie Norris, DOVES	(909) 866-1546
Tanya Perry, Healthy Start	(909) 585-6257
Sue Portman, Love, Inc./Eternal Light	(909) 878-3939
Elizabeth Ramsey, Lutheran Social Services	(909) 866-5070 X201
Edward Escalera, California Highway Patrol	(909) 867-2791
America Valle, SBCSS-State Preschool	(909) 433-4610
Don Larkin, First 5 San Bernardino	(909) 386-7706
Kent Paxton, Network Officer- Children's Network	(909) 387-8966
Tanya Perry, Bear Valley Healthy Start	(909) 585-6257
Ray Lozano, Big Bear Youth to Youth/Operation Breakthrough	(909) 878-3302
Mary Jaquish, Children's Network – Chair	(909) 387-9074
Tammy Williams, Children's Network	(909) 387-5365

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mary welcomed those in attendance. Self-introductions were made. The following announcements were made: 1) The Healthy Teen Collaborative will meet on October 20th at 2:30 p.m. and Children's Network Bear Valley Network will meet at 3 p.m. There will not be another Healthy Start meeting until November 4th at 4 p.m.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of June Minutes

Mary mentioned that the minutes are not detailed for June, as Tammy was on vacation and the tape recorder was not functioning correctly. It was asked if Tammy could add to the attendance for the minutes under Operation Breakthrough/Y2Y? Yes. Tanya Perry's number needs to be corrected (909) 585-6257. Mary reminded everyone to make sure his/her information is recorded correctly on the sign in sheet. Mary also referred everyone to the resource table and the sign in sheets being passed around for items they may want copies.

4. Kent Paxton, Network Officer and Don Larkin, Executive Director for First 5 Joint Chairmanship of Bear Valley Community Network.

Don Larkin of First 5 and Kent Paxton mentioned: First 5 staff and Children's Network staff have been working closely together for a few years so it makes sense to team up and develop the partnership (CAN) Community Assistance Network. Through the partnership will be First 5 and Children's Network will be co-chairing the Children's Network Collaborative such as; Bear Valley Network, High Desert Partnership for Kids, Focus West Collaborative, and East Valley Collaborative. The main focus for First 5 is 0 to 5, but they do design some of their programs to cover children up to age 18. Mary Jaquish will be leaving Children's Network and joining Don's staff at First 5. Mary will be providing technical assistance through, assistance with First 5's Kelly Torres Center, and she will still be involved with the Collaboratives. Kent gave another example of First 5 and Children's Network is collaborating on the Perinatal Leadership Team. Dr. Ira Chasnoff from Chicago a nationally known expert is consulting with the Perinatal Leadership team for a more thorough system for San Bernardino County dealing with perinatal substance abuse with parenting and pregnant women as well as children whom have been exposed through utero. Kent mentioned that the drug exposure has major ripple affects throughout the community and resources impacted by those whom access them. The major goal of First 5 and Children's Network is to provide resources through collaboration with the community to improve the outcomes of families. Mary's' role will be to continue to research grants, develop program ideas, integrate funding streams, etc. Don mentioned through the Kelly Torres Center that the area is set-up for the community to use and there is a play area for children as well. The Prop. 10 funding (cigarette tax) that funds First 5 has diminished funds, so Mary will be assisting First 5 to look for resources as well. Kent reported that the Bear Valley Community Network and the Montclair Community Collaborative are great examples of collaboration when applying for grant funding through a community effort. Mary Jaquish was congratulated on her new job.

5. Guest Speaker – Fides Escobal of Child and Adolescent Health Department, Department of Public Health – CHDP

Mary introduced Marilena Campfield of the Child and Adolescent Health Division of Public Health.

Some of the highlights from Marilena Campfield presentation were:

- A copy of a power point presentation was distributed with an overview of the CHDP Gateway Program.
- In the past the program was funded by the government and served children with no insurance for: exams, health screening, immunizations, physicals, and well baby check ups.
- The CHDP program has been on the chopping block due to the budget crisis, but was reinstated with a different focus.
- The focus is still on prevention, but the gateway is used to screen families for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families' eligibility.
- The children are given presumptive eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal to cover two months for full services from a provider.
- During those two months the child can go to a specialist and/or a dentist
- The parents are mailed a joint application for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families.
- There are currently 180 CHDP providers in this county with more physicians encouraged to sign up ASAP or at least before the December 31, 2003 deadline.
- There is lots of case management done and follow-up to get families signed up for medical insurance. If the families do not qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families they are referred to IEHP (Inland Empire Health Plan). IEHP covers the undocumented as well and will look to see what services the child has already received.

At IEHP and CHDP they check the Meds. System to see the families' eligibility status.

- A question was asked what if a child needs braces that cannot be completed within 60 days? Jackie stated that IEHP pays for the initial treatment and the family would have to pay for the all the costs after 60 days.
- There was a question raised about a 16 or 17 year old that had been kicked out of the house and required treatment for an STD. It was stated there are confidentiality laws stating that the child can be seen?
- The families are given an 800-telephone number (1-800-722-3777) for any questions they have may regarding the Gateway program.

It was mentioned that the only CHDP provider in the Big Bear area is a Nurse Practitioner, Gale Sealey, whom has limited hours. **A suggestion made was to contact Mary Norman at the Family Health Center as a possible contact for CHDP. Eileen Hofer offered to share a list of medical providers Marilena could contact.**

Marilena mentioned through the Public Health Department they have available some magnets with the 800 number on them for the CHDP program, she will see if she can get some more magnets to share with this group. Eileen mentioned that she is a medical consultant for DOVES and definitely sees the need for more CHDP and IEHP providers, especially for Domestic Violence incidents.

6. Guest Speaker – Stacy Iverson of First 5 San Bernardino and Edward Moreno, IEHP – Healthy Kids Initiative

Mary introduced Jackie (IEHP).

Some highlights from Jackie's presentation were and general background of First 5:

- In 1998 voters voted for Proposition 10, which slated cigarette sales for the 58 counties to be distributed to Prop. 10 commissions.
- The state distributes the funding by the number of live births in each county.
- San Bernardino County is the 4th largest county benefiting from Prop. 10 funding.
- First 5 of San Bernardino are in the middle of their Strategic Planning Process.
- Now there is 10 million dollars set aside for special projects from First 5.
- There will be a packet developed as of October 1st of what type of special projects can be funded. (If agency is funded now, probably will not be eligible and will have to wait for 12 months to apply). (The funding will also be geared to smaller agencies that have unique projects in mind for the 0 to 5 populations).
- Mary gave the following helpful hints to agencies that plan to apply for funding through grants: need to have framework for proposals, need to have their organizational capacity identified, must be organized and focused with your plans for the funding, etc.
- Several million dollars was set aside with a contract for IEHP so that some children not eligible through the CHDP Gateway process would have another type of medical insurance they may be eligible for.
- Jackie mentioned Edward Moreno is the Community Outreach manager for IEHP.
- The IEHP – Healthy Kids Initiative was just funded for several million dollars through First 5 to cover children up to the age of 19.
- The enrollment was started about a month ago for the Healthy Kids health plan and vision plans to cover the 0 to 19 for the 300% below Federal poverty level. The Medi-Cal covers 0 to 100% below Federal poverty level and the Healthy Families covers the 100% to 250% below Federal poverty level.
- IEHP has a bilingual telecenter that provides screening of families for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and IEHP. Turnaround applications are 1 day.
- Jackie mentioned his staff works closely with CHDP staff to insurance families are getting the medical insurance they need.

- The families are asked to send proof of residency for 90 days such as a rental receipt, school documentation, and proof of income or a self-declaration letter. Those items are specifically difficult for the undocumented families to obtain.
- Members who become pregnant during their coverage period receive prenatal care and care for the new born up to 30 days, (and then the newborn is eligible for Medi-Cal).
- The co-pay for visits and most prescriptions are \$5.
- Once the children qualify for membership they can get; a free car seat, free vitamins up to the age of 2, free bicycle helmet, as well as dental and vision care.
- The dental care is \$5 a visit, \$10 for x-rays and \$10 for cleanings. Vision same co-pays as the medical. The mental health services also have a co-pay for visits.
- The IEHP – Healthy Kids does not have a monthly premium only a one-time \$20 application fee.
- The hours at the telecenter for IEHP are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 1-866-294-IEHP.
- For each year renewal the fee is the one time \$20 application fee along with the required proof of residency and income.
- The families are given referrals to doctors that are close to where they live. The parents are also given bus route schedules to take.
- The applications are placed in a pending or denial status within the 10 day time frame.
- There are 600 physicians to choose from for the IEHP plan, unfortunately none in the Big Bear area.
- Applicants are encouraged to complete the application process within 31 days at the latest.
- Some reasons for dis-enrollment from IEHP would be: age 20 and older, false statements made on application, move out of San Bernardino County, not applying for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, and basic non-compliance.
- The funding from First 5 San Bernardino will cover about 3,000 children on a first come first served basis.
- Mary mentioned that the Medi-Cal, IEHP and Healthy Families all have the same goal of getting health coverage to the needy especially for the undocumented and as a preventive measure.
- There has been many articles in the newspapers encouraging families to apply for the insurance plans.
- IEHP is especially attractive when both parents are working but can't not afford and/or qualify for medical insurance for their families.
- To be eligible for IEHP you cannot be on an employers' health insurance plan for the last 90 days.
- Jackie mentioned they do have a Project Angel that they can assist on a limited basis for things such as connections to churches, food banks, CBO and assistance in shelters.
- It was mentioned that 50% of the lower wage earners do not have any medical insurance through their jobs.
- Jackie mentioned that the IEHP plan in San Bernardino County works closely with Riverside County.

- Jackie mentioned they are doing their advertising through First 5 and participants that come to collaborative meetings. They also have handed out information at the local schools.
 - Edward's direct telephone number is (909) 890-2760 and you can also reach him through the 800 number given earlier.
 - It was mentioned that Pacific Care handles Mental Health issues.
 - Brochures have been distributed to the County Welfare Offices.
 - Jackie mentioned she has gotten lots of inquiries from the County Schools for information on the program.
 - If the parent has worked and received health care coverage, he/she cannot be on a health plan coverage for the last 90 days for eligibility purposes.
- A suggestion was made for Tammy to provide an extra set of these minutes to Tanya Perry to share with Mary Norman of the local hospital.**

7. Handouts and Round Table Discussion

Mary Jaquish of Children's Network reported: Mary distributed two copies of the current MOU and encouraged those present to review it for any suggested changes and additions. **Tammy will make the changes and distribute an updated version to all our partners at an upcoming meeting.** Mary referred everyone to the following items in their packets: 1) Children's Fund flyers on a Bowling event to raise funds on: Bowling for Christmas, November 1st at 3 p.m. at the Arrowhead Lanes in San Bernardino and Bowling for Christmas November 8th at 3 p.m. at the Deer Creek Lanes in Rancho Cucamonga; 2) some data from the 2003 Report County Residents Receiving Aid Distribution by Cities; 3) San Diego Conference brochure; 4) go to the Annie Casey Foundation on-line www.aecf.org for additional grant opportunities; 5) Best Buy has grant funding available for educational access in the technology field for youth www.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/default.asp; 6) The National Trust for Philanthropy is a terrific source with 240 billion accessible 7) Mary referred everyone to the Community Assistance Network handout that gives additional funding opportunities; 8) Starbucks has some grant funding available by application until October 4th www.starbucks.com ; 9) **Mary agreed to assist with the contacts at Starbucks in the mountains for this collaborative;** 10) Mary talked about the partnership and role of Starbucks on the backpack project down the hill; and 11) Mary talked about the Family Fun night and how the event has grown in attendance.

Tanya Perry of Healthy Start reported: She reminded everyone to sign her sign in sheet for the Healthy Start Collaborative. Tanya distributed a survey sheet asking for comments and suggestions for the Family Fun Night in 2004. There was a lengthy discussion about the Family Fun Night. A suggestion made was to letters to sponsors earlier in the year such as March and April rather than May.

Ray Lozano of Big Bear Youth to Youth/Operation Breakthrough reported: He is the replacement for Henriey Adame. Ray mentioned that the Natural High Club for High School students meets on Tuesday nights, but could use a sponsor to meet at the school. **Tanya agreed to assist Ray to find a teacher that would be willing to be a sponsor at a classroom. Tanya suggested Ray to contact Ms. Vasquez at (909) 866-4638.** Ray distributed some cards and a flyer for the Red Ribbon Week Breakfast on Monday, October 27th, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Pine Summit Conference Center in Big Bear Lake. The cost is \$10 a ticket. For tickets call (909) 878-3302.

- 8. Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2003**
Parks and Recreation Community Room
41220 Park Avenue
Big Bear Lake, CA

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Williams, Recording Secretary
Children's Network

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